

Subject: Haroun al Raschid,
Caliph of Bagdad coin

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1925-1932

What year A.D. was 163 A.H. = ^{Sep 14 1896} 779 A.D.

Sedalia, Mo. Dec. 8, 1925

Dear Mr. Nevell,

Yours recd. Thanks very much for the dealers' names, there are several I have never tried yet. I did not intend to bother you again soon, only the modern piece you said was a button, may be a button, only the place in the centre which you thought was a shank, looks like a well defined human eye, inside a wreath, surmounted by a crown, a straight mark runs from the border to left side of the eye. This design seems to have been struck from a shallow executed die, on a worn plan of some previous coin, as portions of letters dimly outlined still show on the plan. The other side has a 4 horse coach. I presume it is some kind of a token, "coach token" possibly British. The reason I am going so strong on the Arabic pieces, I was in hopes I might have one from Bagdad. I enclose 3 or 4 more that have been causing me no end of speculation for some time. Very truly yours.

608. N. Stewart Ave.

Mr. C. Hope

Sedalia, Mo.

Jan. 8. '28.

Howland Wood, Curator,
Am. N. Society,

N.Y.C.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over some back numbers of the "Numismatist" I notice where you used to offer Oriental money for sale to collectors. I have been trying for twenty years to get a coin of Haroun Al Raschid, Caliph of Bagdad, with no success. Have tried all the principal dealers in the States, and one or two in Europe. One or two dealers claimed to have one, but upon classification would prove to be of some other Khalif. If you still offer anything for sale, I wish to ask have you a silver dirhem for sale of Haroun or Rashed A.D. 781-805, condition very fine? with inscription translated.

Very Truly Yours
C. Hope

608. N. Stewart.

12th January, 1928

Mr. Claudius Hope,
608 N. Stewart St.,
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Haroun al Raschid coins are always in demand. We happen to have just one duplicate. I am sending this on to you, and if you want it you can have it for \$1.00. Dealers as a rule ask more than this. Also, I am enclosing a translation of the Arabic inscription.

Are you interested in any other Oriental coins, because we have a number of duplicates, chiefly Persian and Seljuk coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Tedalia, Mo.

Feb. 9, 1932

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator A.N.S.
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your reply received regarding the Constantine coin, - Many thanks! Another strange thing about these coins is; that no matter how scarce they may be, they are never worth anything. I wonder if I could get you to attribute the enclosed rubbings for me. No need to be in any hurry about it, some time when you have nothing else to do. - I enclose Money order for your time and trouble. Thanking you I am

Very Truly Yours

C. Hope

608 N. Stewart

February 15, 1932.

Mr. C. Hope
608 North Stewart
Sadalia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith sending back the
rubblings of your coins that we have at-
tributed for you.

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator